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## SWANSON URGED ELLYSON TO SAVE LIFE OF CLAUDE

Telephoned Him at the Branch Home During Midnight Conference.

## GOVERNOR HAD THEN LEFT STATE

United States Senator, for Whom Murderer Was Named, Told Lieutenant-Governor That He Desired to See Sentence Commuted—Ellyson's Answer.

Among those who sought to take advantage of the temporary absence from the State of Governor Mann by inducing Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson to commute the sentence of Claude Swanson Allen the night before his execution was Senator Claude A. Swanson.

While the Allen sympathizers who engaged in this scheme to nullify Governor Mann's action in the case, were gathered at the home of John P. Branch, 1 West Franklin Street, there came a long distance telephone call for the Lieutenant-Governor. The man at the other end of the line proved to be Senator Swanson.

He told the Lieutenant-Governor that he desired to see the sentence of Claude Swanson Allen commuted. Of course, was a request for Mr. Ellyson to act.

Heard for First Time.

"But," objected the Lieutenant-Governor, "I have no authority. It is not in my office for four years while you were Governor, and you were often absent from the State. At those times, did you think I had authority to take your place and exert executive power?"

In reply, Senator Swanson said he did not know what the law was on the subject. The conversation then ended.

Senator Swanson, it is recalled, is a lawyer. He served as Governor of Virginia. But it seems, when he left the State on various missions, he did not know whether or not Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson could act in his absence. At least, he said so last Thursday night.

A rumor to the effect that Senator Swanson telegraphed Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson is incorrect. So, also, is a report that the junior Senator visited Richmond to see Governor Mann in behalf of Claude Swanson Allen. However, he favored commutation for the younger prisoner.

It is also learned that Senator Thomas S. Martin, when asked to espouse the cause of the Allens, refused to do so, saying that it was a matter with which he had nothing to do, and in which the Governor was competent to act.

Public Disapproves.

While public interest in the execution of Floyd and Claude Swanson Allen is not so great as it was last Friday, it would seem that the attempt to secure action from the Lieutenant-Governor is making a more and more profound impression on the public mind. Judging from expressions of opinion that have been made editorially, are heard on the streets, and have reached the Capitol in letters, telegrams and personal calls, there is general disapproval of the plot to get commutation by such methods.

To again relate the Lieutenant-Governor's part in the affair. He was called by Judge J. Richard Wingfield early Thursday morning, and asked if he would be at his home at 10 o'clock. He replied in the affirmative. The member of the State Corporation Commission called at that hour, and asked Mr. Ellyson to go to the home of Mr. Branch, close by, which he did. There a little company of attorneys who have been in the case, with sympathizers of the condemned men, was gathered. Mr. Ellyson was spoken to on the subject of commutation, in view of the fact that Governor Mann had left the State during the afternoon. He replied that although he had been Lieutenant-Governor for seven years, he had never believed himself possessed of the slightest power as Governor. In fact, he said, he had looked upon the matter as a matter of administration, in some connection, and was satisfied that no authority vested in him as Governor at any time.

Would Not Have Acted.

Dr. McDaniel then asked him if he would listen to the opinion of the Attorney-General, to which he replied that he would be glad to have that official's judgment. He heard the arguments put before him in the meantime as to the Allens, but made no comment, and maintained throughout that he could do nothing.

In fact, he would have done nothing. It is believed that had he known William Hodges Mann, Jr., was about to acquaint his father with what was going on, that telegram would never have been sent, since the Lieutenant-Governor would have informed the Governor's son that he would not touch the Allen case.

Criticism of the Lieutenant-Governor comes from the fact that he did not in the beginning make such an announcement, and thus discourage a proposition that he should on a moment's notice undo the work to which his chief had given many months of study.

Williams's and Wood's Part.

Attorney-General William Williams was asked for the opinion, went to his office, looked up the law, and the authorities, and returning to Mr. Branch's, rendered it as his decision, that the Lieutenant-Governor had no power whatever. The other lawyers present showed a desire to argue the point, and it was suggested that the Attorney-General should prepare a written opinion. After some debate, the Superintendent of the Penitentiary was called in, and a view to delaying the execution until this opinion could be filed.

Major Wood talked first with one of the Allen sympathizers, to whom he said that he would respect a suggestion from the Lieutenant-Governor. This he repeated to Mr. Ellyson. The latter replied that no suggestion would come from him, since he had no authority.

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## WATER H. PAGE NEW AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN

He Accepts Appointment at Court of St. James.

## GOES TO LONDON WITHIN TEN DAYS

Widely Known as Literary Man and Editor of World's Work. Thomas Nelson Page and Joseph E. Willard Still Considered for High Places in Diplomatic Service.

Washington, March 31.—President Wilson probably will fill the majority of the nine ambassadorships now vacant before the beginning of the extra session of Congress next Monday.

The President expects to consult with many of his friends during the present week, and it is believed that when Congress convenes nominations for the more important posts will be sent to the Senate.

To-day's developments brought out that Dr. Walter H. Page, editor of World's Work, and an intimate friend of Mr. Wilson, had been offered and had accepted the ambassadorship to Great Britain. White House officials confirmed the news, and Mr. Page will start for London within ten days.

Native of North Carolina.

Mr. Page was born in Cary, N. C., in 1855, and has devoted his life since to the study of literature. When but a young man he took journalism as a step up the ladder of his dream, and worked for many years on newspapers in the West and South. His special studies have always been in the direction of the social problems of the day.

"It is as much worth while," he once said, "to learn about a city in Texas and the people there as it is to read of a dead city in Asia. To me it is of vastly more importance to know about the social and political conditions of our own times than of times gone by. I have been continually on the lookout for writers who can write about the Mississippi River and put the article in as good literary form as if they were writing about the ancient poets and dramatists."

He at one time delivered lectures on the sociological problems of the South and traveled as a correspondent investigating negro conditions for the Boston Post, the Springfield Republican, and in the old days, before Mr. Pulitzer purchased it, for the New York World.

One of his predictions in this connection was to the effect that an ultimate black belt would eventually begin in the low-country counties of Virginia and extend all along the Coast to the Gulf.

After an interval of work on the Evening Post he found himself on the staff of the Atlantic Monthly, an experience which he has always considered one of the most delightful of his life.

The work that Mr. Page has cared most for is the World's Work. He has thought of the idea of this magazine before he left the Atlantic Monthly, and most of its editorials have been written by him.

He has published but little, yet, as he says, he carries many unpublished books. His book, "Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths," is a series of essays on the South. He is known as an entertaining and polished speaker.

Mr. Page is a member of the firm of Davidson, Page & Co., Inc., married Alice Wilson of Michigan. Their family consists of three sons and one daughter.

No Other Offers Made.

It was stated at the White House that with the appointment of Mr. Page, no offers had been made for any other diplomatic posts. The President has had under consideration a list of men to whom he is favorably inclined, but the chief difficulty has been that many of these men had left from New York State, which he feels already has had conspicuous recognition. Two members of the Cabinet—Secretaries Redfield and McAdoo—Assistant Secretary Root, and the Navy Department, and Mr. Page, have made their homes in New York for many years.

Augustus Thomas, the playwright, and William Church Osborn have been prominently mentioned for the diplomatic posts. Mr. Page, however, has been known to have been in high regard.

Mr. Wilson has been disposed to look further West for some of his diplomatic appointments, and to-day there came forward prominently the name of Rudolph Spreckels, of San Francisco, as probable ambassador to Germany.

Mr. Spreckels practically resigned and managed the Wilson National Progressive Republican League, and his appointment, it is said, would be a recognition by the President of the aid given him by progressive Republicans during the last campaign. Elmore W. Hurst, of Rock Island, Ill., who saw the President to-day, is also said to be slated for a diplomatic post.

Thomas Nelson Page and Joseph E. Willard, of Virginia; Frederick C. Penfield, of Germantown, Pa., and Henry Morganthau, of New York, are among those under consideration for diplomatic appointments, but there have been no decisions as to any of these men as yet.

The President to-day had a taste of the difficulties of tariff revision. Many against various schedules. To all the President listened patiently, but gave not the slightest intimation of what was contained in the schedule or the tariff bill he is studying or what would be his own attitude toward these subjects.

A. Augustus Healy, of the Brooklyn Academy of Arts and Sciences, who talked with the President about the tariff on leather and hides, was introduced by Secretary Redfield.

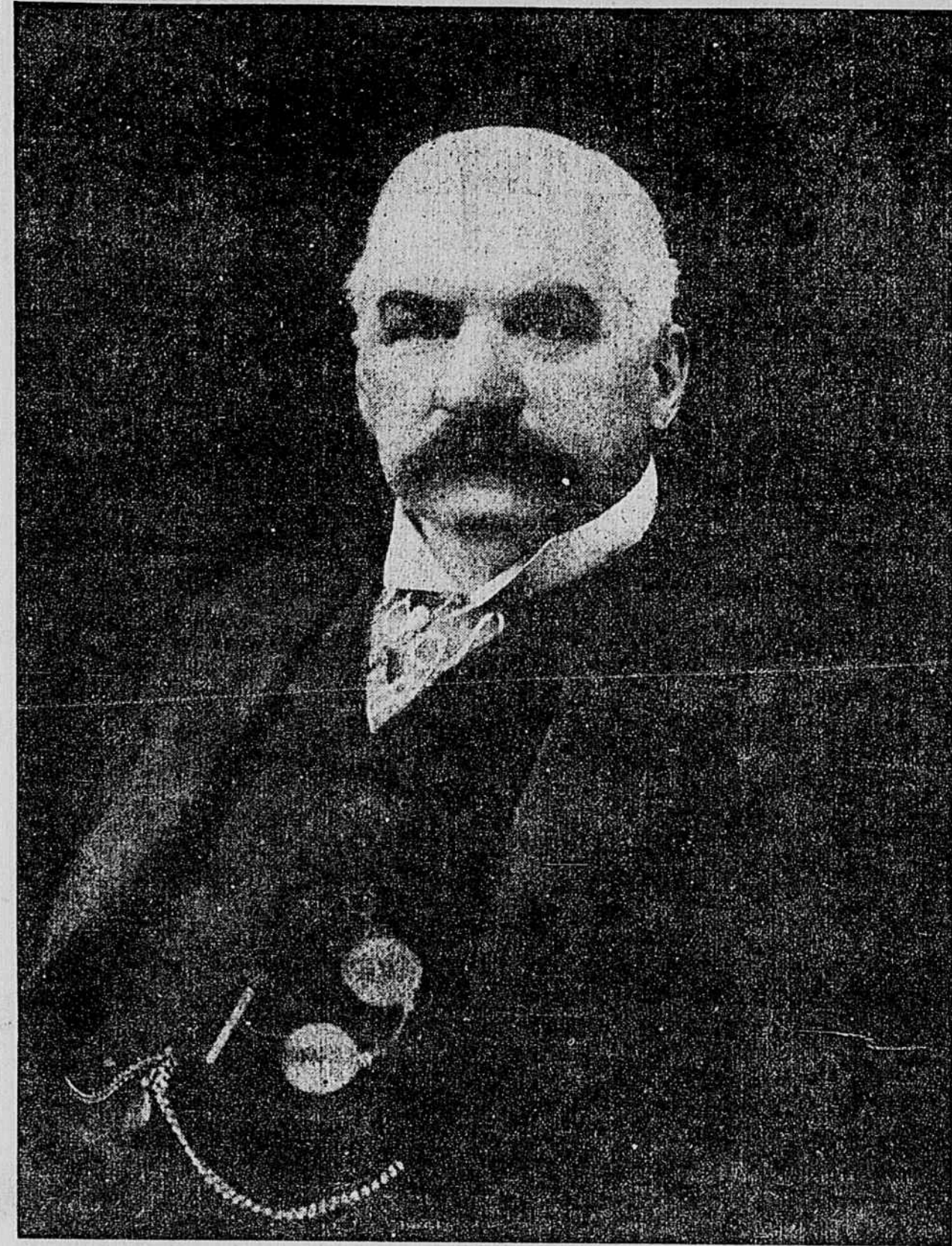
W. F. Sardis, of Buenos Aires, urged the President to see that meat came from the United States.

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J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

Supreme Moment Comes to Famous American Shortly After Noon Monday, Following Illness Which for Week It Had Been Realized Was Hopeless.

## HIS PASSING HAS VERY SLIGHT EFFECT ON FINANCIAL DISTRICT

Illness Had Prepared Wall Street for Fatal Termination, and Every Precaution Had Been Taken to Guard Against Serious Break in Prices—Long Before He Was Stricken He Had Accomplished All He Had Attempted to Achieve, and Human Foresight Had Been Exhausted in Safeguarding Market Against Calamity—From All Over World Come Messages of Sympathy—Body Probably Will Rest in Cemetery at Hartford, Conn.

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, March 31.—John Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, died here to-day a few minutes after noon. For months his health had been declining, but the symptoms became greatly aggravated about a week ago, and since Wednesday last he had been in a semicomatose condition.

To-night his body, lying in the death chamber, is surrounded with flowers. Messages of sympathy have been received from King Victor Emmanuel, high officials of state, diplomatic representatives and from many personal friends in all parts of the world.

The death of Mr. Morgan was not known in Rome until several hours after it occurred, owing to the desire that Mr. Morgan's son, J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., who is in New York, should first be notified.

The official statement prepared by Dr. Giuseppe Bastianelli, Dr. M. Allen Starr and Dr. George A. Dixon, the attending physicians, indicates that a gradual general collapse followed a condition of nervous prostration, which prevented the digestive organs from performing their functions, and affected the mental faculties.

For five days Mr. Morgan received artificial nourishment, but was unable to assimilate the food. As a result he very rapidly lost strength. For many hours prior to his death he was in a condition of semicomatose, which prevented him from recognizing those about him. His end was without suffering.

Daughter Is With Him at Supreme Moment.

Mr. Morgan's daughter, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, who has been in constant attendance, was at the deathbed. She held the hand of her father and tried to obtain some sign of recognition. She thought that when the supreme moment came he faintly pressed her hand. Mr. Satterlee and the physicians almost carried the weeping woman out of the room, where friends tried to comfort her.

Mr. Satterlee is prostrated by grief, and had no statement to make to-night regarding future arrangements. So far no preparations have been made with reference to the removal of Mr. Morgan's body to the United States. Those relatives who are in New York will first be communicated with regarding their wishes.

The American Ambassador and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Brien, the secretary of the embassy, George Post Wheeler, and Mrs. Wheeler, who went to the hotel this afternoon to inquire about Mr. Morgan's condition, were there when his death was announced. They remained to offer their services and express condolences.

All the Rome newspapers publish tributes to Mr. Morgan, expressing the deep sense of loss felt by the Italian people. It has been suggested that Mr. Morgan's body should be taken to the United States on board a warship.

Dr. M. Allen Starr, called into consultation in connection with J. Pierpont Morgan's illness, attributed the financier's breakdown to emotion caused by the investigation carried out by the Pujio committee at Washington into the operations of the "money trust."

Mr. Morgan toward the end showed that he was suffering internally only by a movement of his right hand. Otherwise he displayed no sign of vitality, except by continuous heavy breathing.

Frequent bulletins were issued during the morning showing that his condition was gradually becoming worse, and by 11 o'clock the physicians had given up all hope.

In State of Coma Before Death.

Mr. Morgan was unable to assimilate the artificial nourishment administered during the morning, and his physical weakness was extreme. Heart tonics were injected, but these had no effect, and for several hours before his death he was in a state of coma, unable to respond to any questions or to recognize any of those at his bedside.

One of his relatives, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, wife of the Rev. Fitzsimmons, arrived from Cannes, and was shown into the death chamber, but her presence remained unknown to the dying man.

Besides the four trained nurses in attendance, Miss Helen Hamilton was of great assistance to the three physicians, Professor Giuseppe Bastianelli, Dr. M. Allen Starr and Dr. George A. Dixon.

From his arrival in Rome, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee had feared a mistake had been made in bringing Mr. Morgan to Rome instead of taking him direct to London, where he would have been in his own house, instead of a noisy hotel, and they thought, too, that the climate of Rome was too mild and enervating for him in his condition of ill health.

Cable dispatches from America, Great Britain and other parts of the world poured in all day, making anxious inquiries and expressing the affection in which Mr. Morgan was held everywhere.

The financier's secretary found it impossible to reply to all the inquiries, and Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee expressed the desire to inform the inquirers how touched they were at the manifestations of sympathy they had received.

The body of Mr. Morgan is to be embalmed and sent to the United States. A funeral service will be held here before its repatriation.

## START CAMPAIGN FOR MORE VOTERS

Young Men's Registration Committee Plans War on Municipal Apathy.

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